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Medals and Medallions

Roine Centennial Medal

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

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"The Idncoln Centennial Medal."
G. P. Futnam's Sons, New York.

A beautiful and unique volume commemorating the birth of Lincoln is this one which contains the famous Lincoln medal by Monsleur Rolne. The designer of this exquisite piece of work has long been recognized as one of the great medallists of the world. His representation of Lincoln's features has been described by art critics as the most perfect that has yet been made. In addition to the medal itself, the book contains extracts from some of Lincoln's famous speeches, a scholarly essay on "The Medal; Its Origin and Symbolism," by George M. Olcott, and the "Lincoln Cen-tennial Commemoration," by Richard George M. Olcott, and the "Lincoin Centennial Commemoration," by Richard Lloyd Jones. The last is a full and interesting account of the various ceremonies which will take place, on the 12th of February. These celebrations will center about the birthplace of Lincoln, "the little farm which raised a man," as Mark Twain has described it. Here a lofty pillar will be dedicated as a national shrine. A monument of Lincoln will be erected by the state of Kentucky in the court house square of Hodgenswille, Lincoln's native town. The state of Kentucky is also planning to build a boulevard called the Lincoln farm with the city of Louisville, and a plan has been initiated in Washington for the building of a great Lincoln Road, running from the capitol building at Washington to Gettysburg, and shaded with trees. It has been suggested that this road be continued across the continent to San Francisco. Chicago is planning a million dollar building with a great central auditorium to bear the name of Lincoln. These are only a few of the plans which Mr. Jones describes. Other memorable events will be the consecration of the grave of Lincoln's mother, the special celebration at Springfield, Ill., and the appropriations at Washington for a national Lincoln museum. The essay is inspiring and increases our love and admiration for one whom we have always loved and admired so greatly. Says the author, "Out from the heritage of time there stands no figure at once more noble, simple and majestic than Abraham Lincoln, the great democrat. Like Coiumbus and Washington, he looms higher and greater in the perspective of each succeeding generation. He was a lawyer who dignified his profession by making love his law. He sanctified the court room. He plead for justice, not for advantage. He sought truth, not judgment. It was this man who declared: 'I have never turned one inch out of my course to gain favor, and again who said, 'I Lloyd Jones. The last is a full and in-

never turned one inch out of my course to gain favor, and again who said, 'I want it ever said of me that I ever plucked a thistle and planted a flower wherever a flower would grow.'"

Lincoln Centennial Medal.

Unique Volume on Lincoln With a Heavy Bronze Medal Imbedded in the Middle of It. 1-23-09

"The Lincoln Centennial Medal" produced by Jules Edouard Roine of Paris in connection with the centennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln forms at once the title, topic and actual center of the handsome, interesting volume that contains, in addition to some of Lincoln's strongest and most characteristic utterances, two good papers by George N. Olcott and Richard Lloyd Jones. The former dlscusses "The Medal; Its Origin and Symbolism," the latter "The Lincoln Centennial Commemoration." Among other important projects are mentioned those of purchasing Lincoln's humble highly acceptable of the purchasing lincoln's highly acceptable of the purchasing lincoln's humble highly acceptable of the purchasing lincoln's highly highl of purchasing Lincoln's humble birthplace, the "little farm that raised a man," as Mark Twain happily says, and turning the rude cabln into a permanent Lincoln shrine. On the one hundredth anniversaryof Lincoln's high the feeting will be formally dedicated. On the one hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's birth the cabin will be formally dedicated to the American people. The Lincoln monument to be erected by the State of Kentucky in the courthouse square of Hodgensville, Lincoln's native town, and the broad roadways which, it is hoped, shortly will connect the Lincoln farm with the City of Louisville and run from the capitol building at Washington to Gettysburg, also reing at Washington to Gettysburg, also re-

ceive attention.
The Lincoln documents mentioned lnclude the farewell address at Springfield, the clude the farewell address at Springheid, the Emancipation Proclamation, the Gettysburg and second inaugural speeches and the fa-mous Horace Greeley, General Hooker and Mrs. Bixby letters. The Roine medal, hand-somely fashioned of bronze, bearing on the face a fine head of Lincoln and on the re-verse a suitable inscription, including Lincoln's signature, framed in a wreath of oak and palm, is deftly inserted in the middle of the book.

("The Lincoln Centennial Medal," by

George N. Olcott and Richard Lloyd Jones. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. \$5 net.)

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"Abraham Lincoln," introduced by Rev. William Hayes Ward, consists of "reminiscences of soldlers, statesmen and citizers" who knew or have studled the book's famous subject, with many and various "tributes from his associates." Major General Otls Howard, William O. Stoddard, who was Lincoln's private secretary: Murat erai Otls Howard, William O. Stoddard, who was Lincoln's private secretary; Murat Halstead, Grace Greenwood, Theodore L. Cuyler, Ethan Allen, Davld Homer Bates, Henry M. Field and Frank B. Carpenter are among the many whose loving words are quoted. "The Story of the Assassination"—told by W. J. Ferguson, who was on the stage at the time—"Lincoln's Faith in Prayer," "Lincoln's Most Conspicuous Virtue," "Lincoln as a Story Teller" and characteristic and capital "Anecdotes of Lincoln" are among the well chosen chapter headings. The book is worthy of note. ("Abraham Lincoln," with introduction by Rev. William Hayes Ward. Thomas Y. Crowell & Co., New York. 60 cents.)

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Denton J. Snider's "interpretation in biography," entitled "Abraham Lincoin," is a slzable book with an appreciative introduction discussing the "Meaning of Lincoln's Life" and three generous succeeding portions respectively devoted to Lincoln's "epprenticeship," his "national call" and "Lincoln, the Nation's Executive." The author has contrived an interesting if not highly original volume. The work might be pruned with advantage.

("Abraham Lincoin," by Denton J. Snider. Sigma Publishing Company, St. Louis. For sale by A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago. \$1.50.)

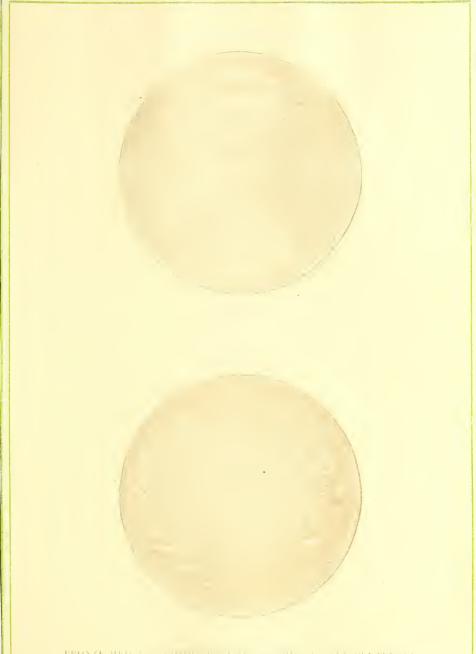
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The Lincoln Centennial Medal

THE production by Edouard J. Roiné of Paris, in connection with the commemoration of the centennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, of a medal of the head of the martyred President, has suggested the preparation of this volume.

The volume contains, in addition to the medal itself, which is described as the most beautiful representation of Lincoln's features that has as yet been made, certain characteristic utterances of Lincoln; and to these have been added a scholarly essay on the origin and symbolism of the medal by Professor George N. Olcott of Columbia University, and a paper by Richard Lloyd Jones, describing the purpose and the character of the centennial commemoration. Edouard Roiné, the designer of the medal, has long been recognized by the authorities on the subject as one of the great medallists of the world. Before giving his attention to medallic art, he had secured fame as a sculptor.

Roiné was born in the Department of the Loire in 1858, and while still a young man, he became a student of Léopold Morice of Paris. His first reputation, at least outside of France, came to him through the exquisite reproduction in bas-relief which he had designed in 1900 for the Paris Exposition of that year. He received from the French Government a gold medal in recognition of the success of the bas-relief of the "Aurora of the Twentieth Century." The original of this work is in the Luxemburg Gallery in Paris, and a

The Lincoln Centennial Medal

bas-relief replica has been secured for the Gold Room of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and a second replica for the Museum at Berlin.

Monsieur Roiné served in the Paris Exposition in 1900 as a member of the Art Jury. He was elected some years back a member of the Salmagundi Club of New York.



One of Roine's more important productions is the Statue of St. Louis, designed for the St. Louis Exposition. Among the other noteworthy medallic designs by Roine are the marriage medal and the christening medal. In the latter, the artist has figured in a graceful fancy the birth of a child in the creation of the Goddess of Life floating from the clouds, dropping the infant into the cradle, and then drifting away into space.

The Lincoln Centennial Medal

The authorities who have examined the Lincoln medal are at one in the opinion that it will remain the authoritative medallic presentation of the great American. The copyright of the medal is controlled by Mr. Robert Hewitt, the well-known collector of medallic Lincolniana.

Professor Olcott says, in referring to the original design:

"What better symbolism could be found for the medal of our great Liberator and martyred President than a wreath combined of palm and oak? The palm symbolizes victory, not only the victory that restored to a great nation harmony and prosperity, and to countless slaves personal liberty, but the victory over his own humble circumstances and lack of opportunity, a victory won through dauntless courage and firmness of conviction. Lincoln has, without any act of Congress, been accepted by his fellow-countrymen as the Second Father of his Country. The branch of oak stands for peace, recalling that a great leader, another and a far greater Augustus, directed the destinies of his country through the darkness of Civil War, and brought order out of chaos for the great Republic of the West, imperial in power, democratic in spirit, and refounded in the ideals of Abraham Lincoln."

On the 12th of February, 1909, the dies of the medal are to be cancelled and then deposited in the collection of the American Numismatic Society. After that date no more copies of the medal or of the book containing the medal can be produced.





- 514. (Baker 434; HK 66) Centennial Fountain Medal, 1876; 1½-inch (37.8mm). Oby bust right. Rev fountain in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park, Coin finish. Cleaned. FF ... \$25.00-27.50
- 515. (Baker 448/443, HK 100 rev) Battle of Harlem Plains Medal, 1876; F 5/16-inch (34mm) bronze. By George H, Lovett, engr. Obv draped Washington bust left in palm & oak, 100th anniv of declaration July 4, 1876 around. Rev 1776 in starburst, Battle of Harlem Plains, Sept 16. Fourth in Lovett's famed Eight Battles Series. Baker notes this obv. muled to produce "a second set" with battle reverses, but only lists (Baker 448) Battle of Moore's Creek. Obverse of this lot is that shown as HK 115, Children of America (1 & Esale #10 had this obv with Sullivan's Island rev). Scarce!
- 517. Washington Before Boston Reverse Shell (ca 1830); 2°s-inch (68mm) copper backed with lead. By Benjamin Davivier, engr. Three hooves behind Washington's horse, slightly oval O in Primo no stops in exergue inscription, very short gim in soldier's hand at far left. No diebreak over HOS of Hostibus. Pierced partially at 9:00. (Type of George Fuld rev C of so-caffed Second Restrike French. Sec T 1MS Journal, Sept-Dec 1963, p. 124). Antiqued copper patina. The \$47.50-50.00



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 \$40.00-50.00





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- .524. (DeWitt AL 1860-101) Lincoln-Hamlin Campaign Shell, 1860; I-inch (25.4mm) silvered brass. Obv lerrotype of beardless I incoln (DeWitt's Portrait #1) palm sprays flank date 1860, beaded circle surrounds portrait. Minor defect in field to left of head. Portrait from Currier & Ives lithograph. Rev Maine's Hannibal Hamlin ½ right. 2 bands of cloudy discoloration across face. (King 127, general type). Holed at top. Brass shell I.F., ferrotypes EE-VF. Nice! ...\$170.00-190.00
- 525. (King 300) Lincoln Centennial Medal, 1909; 3-inch (76.2mm) bronze. By Jules E. Rome, sc. Oby Lincoln portrait left with copyright mark at edge (but variety without engraver's initials). Rev. 9-line inscription: struck for G.A.R. Struck by Joseph K. Davison's Sons, Phila. Brown patina.



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